

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A toner for electrophotography comprising toner particles that comprise a binder resin, a coloring agent, a release agent, and inorganic or organic particles,

wherein the inorganic or organic particles have a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm and are present in an amount of 1 to 30% by mass,

wherein the toner has a storage modulus  $G'$  of  $5.0 \times 10^2$  to  $1.0 \times 10^5$  Pa at 180°C and an adhesive force to an aluminum substrate of not more than 50 N/m at 180°C,  
and

wherein a content W of the release agent is 5 to 40% by mass, and a relationship between the release agent content W and the storage modulus G' satisfies  $G' \geq 0.875 \times (100-W)/W \times 10^3$  Pa.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) A toner according to claim 1, wherein the inorganic particles are present in an amount of 1 to 20% by mass.

5. (Original) A toner according to claim 1, having a volume average particle size of 4.0 to 10.0  $\mu\text{m}$ .

6. (Original) A toner according to claim 1, wherein the melting point of the release agent is 50 to 150°C.

7. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) An image-forming method, comprising:  
charging a surface of an image-bearing body;  
forming an electrostatic latent image according to image formation on the charged surface of the image-bearing body;

developing with a toner the electrostatic latent image formed on the surface of the image-bearing body, in order to obtain a toner image;

transferring to a surface of a recording medium the toner image formed on the surface of the image-bearing body, and

fusing the toner image transferred on the surface of the recording medium, wherein the toner is a toner for electrophotography comprising toner particles that comprise a binder resin, a coloring agent, a release agent and inorganic or organic particles, wherein the inorganic or organic particles have a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm and are present in an amount of 1 to 30% by mass, and wherein the toner has a storage modulus  $G'$  of  $5.0 \times 10^2$  to  $1.0 \times 10^5$  Pa at  $180^\circ\text{C}$  and an adhesive force to an aluminum substrate of not more than 50 N/m at  $180^\circ\text{C}$ , and

wherein a content W of the release agent is 5 to 40% by mass, and a relationship between the release agent content W and the storage modulus  $G'$  satisfies  $G' > 0.875 \times (100-W)/W(\times 10^3 \text{ Pa})$ .

8. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein a content W of the release agent is 5 to 40% by mass, and a relationship between the release agent content W and the storage modulus  $G'$  satisfies  $G' \geq 0.875 \times (100-W)/W(\times 10^3 \text{ Pa})$ .

9. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein the toner comprises inorganic or organic particles having a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm in an amount of 1 to 30% by mass.

10. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein the toner comprises inorganic particles having a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm in an amount of 1 to 20% by mass.

11. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein the toner has a volume average particle size of 4.0 to 10.0  $\mu\text{m}$ .

12. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein the melting point of the release agent in the toner is 50 to 150°C.

13. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein a heat-fusing roll is used for fusing, and the surface energy of a material on the surface of the heat-fusing roll is in the range of  $0.1 \times 10^{-4}$  to ~~5.0~~  $\times 10^{-4}$  J/cm<sup>2</sup>.

14. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) An image-forming apparatus comprising:  
means for charging a surface of an image-bearing body;  
means for forming on the charged surface of the image-bearing body an electrostatic latent image corresponding to image formation;  
means for developing with a toner the electrostatic latent image formed on the surface of the image-bearing body, in order to provide a toner image;  
means for transferring the toner image formed on the surface of the image-bearing body to a surface of a recording medium,

wherein the toner is a toner for electrophotography comprising toner particles that comprise a binder resin, a coloring agent, a release agent and inorganic or organic particles, wherein the inorganic or organic particles have a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm and are present in an amount of 1 to 30% by mass, and wherein the toner has a storage modulus G' of  $5.0 \times 10^2$  to  $1.0 \times 10^5$  Pa at 180°C and an adhesive force to an aluminum substrate of not more than 50 N/m at 180°C, and

wherein a content W of the release agent is 5 to 40% by mass, and a relationship between the release agent content W and the storage modulus G' satisfies  $G' \geq 0.875 \times (100-W)/W(\times 10^3 \text{ Pa})$ .

15. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein a content W of the release agent is 5 to 40% by mass, and a relationship between the release agent content W and the storage modulus G' satisfies  $G' \geq 0.875 \times (100-W)/W(\times 10^3 \text{ Pa})$ .

16. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the toner comprises inorganic or organic particles having a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm in an amount of 1 to 30% by mass.

17. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the toner comprises inorganic particles having a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm in an amount of 1 to 20% by mass.

18. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the toner has a volume average particle size of 4.0 to 10.0  $\mu\text{m}$ .

19. (Withdrawn) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein a heat-fusing roll is used for fusing, and the surface energy of a material on the surface of the heat-fusing roll is in the range of  $0.1 \times 10^{-4}$  to  $5.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J/cm}^2$ .

20. (Currently Amended) A toner cartridge detachable from an image-forming apparatus that comprises means for developing, the cartridge containing a toner which is provided to the means for developing,

wherein the toner is a toner for electrophotography comprising toner particles that comprise a binder resin, a coloring agent, a release agent and inorganic or organic particles, wherein the inorganic or organic particles have a particle diameter of 5 to 200 nm and are present in an amount of 1 to 30% by mass, and wherein the toner has a storage modulus  $G'$  of  $5.0 \times 10^2$  to  $1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa}$  at  $180^\circ\text{C}$  and an adhesive force to an aluminum substrate of not more than  $50 \text{ N/m}$  at  $180^\circ\text{C}$ , and

wherein a content  $W$  of the release agent is 5 to 40% by mass, and a relationship between the release agent content  $W$  and the storage modulus  $G'$  satisfies  $G' \geq 0.875 \times (100-W)/W \times 10^3 \text{ Pa}$ .